

*Committee 23*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

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THROUGH : [redacted]

SUBJECT : Ad Hoc Interagency Advisory Group on  
Exchanges (IGE)

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1. In a memorandum to USIB dated 5 December 1973, [redacted] stated concern about the proliferation of Soviet, East European, and PRC technical delegations visiting the United States and the resulting loss of advanced technology. Views on how best to handle the East-West Exchange problem were solicited by the D/DCI/IC, who recommended that one of the numerous proposals--to revitalize the IGE--be distributed through USIB channels for comment.

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2. USIB concurred with a memorandum prepared by Mr. Colby proposing the reestablishment of the IGE. Mr. Colby cautioned that the IGE need not be a formal committee but should look at the overall issue including whether there should be a permanent committee. The Ad Hoc IGE is chaired by [redacted] Chief, [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] with representatives from the USIB member agencies; Commerce and USIA participate as associate members.

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3. In an interim report to USIB, [redacted] explained there were five main issues: (a) whether the IGE should perform net assessment functions; (b) whether the IGE should involve itself in controlling technology losses; (c) increased staffing; (d) the standing committee question; and (e) what the FBI's role would be if IGE is not a USIB committee. The discussion which ensued reflected almost universal disapproval of the interim report for one reason

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or another. DIA and the Service Agencies wanted USIB to take a stronger action through the IGE mechanism to prevent technology losses; the remaining USIB members indicated that the policing technology losses and net assessments were not USIB responsibilities. The USIB remanded the report back to the IGE and asked that the next report to USIB include recommendations on what the role of intelligence should be in exchanges and recommendations on how the intelligence community should be structured to support problems.

4. The IGE has met several times since their interim report and has improved the day-to-day working arrangements among member agencies and departments. The IGE is currently in the throws of preparing a second report to USIB and is revising DCID 2/6 on Exchanges. During the meetings I have attended, considerable discussion ensues, however, little progress seems to be made. The members have taken various positions and frequently get bogged down discussing concern about technology loss to the Soviets. DIA and the Services Agencies want the IGE to police US technology losses. Commerce and State argue that considerable loss of technology is inevitable during a policy, vis-a-vis the Soviet Union which encourages trade and technical exchange. Commerce contends there are export controls for which they are responsible.

5. After the most recent meeting I talked with [redacted] per his invitation. He lamented that he did not necessarily think a USIB committee was warranted, but felt that only State concurred with him. I reported that you, [redacted] and Mr. Colby were not enthusiastic about [redacted] establishing another USIB committee. I suggested [redacted] meet with you and [redacted] to discuss the issue and explore various alternatives, i.e., establishing the IGE as a working group under the Human Sources Committee. [redacted] was eager to meet with you and [redacted] before the next IGE meeting scheduled for 8 October; I offered to make the arrangements.

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